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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S CINCINNATI SPEECH ON ME

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1. CHARGE CALLED ON DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS
SHAUBAN AT MFA SEPT 23 TO BRING MIDDLE EAST PORTION OF
SECRETARY'S CINCINNATI SPEECH TO ATTENTION OF LIBYAN GOVT.

2. WE ASKED FIRST WHETHER SHAABAN HAD STUDIED TEXT.

HE SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN A TEXT, AND WE GAVE HIM COPY OF
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MIDDLE EAST PORTION. WE EMPHASIZED THAT, AS SPEECH MADE

CLEAR, U.S. WOULD NOT TOLERATE RETURN TO "NO WAR NO PEACE" SITUATION AND THAT SINAI AGREEMENT WAS NOT THE END OF U.S. PEACE EFFORTS BUT ONE STEP IN A PROCESS WHICH WOULD CONTINUE. WE ASKED THAT HE BRING THIS TO NOTICE OF COLONEL QADHAFI.

3. SHAABAN TOOK NOTES AND SAID, IN EFFECT, HE WOULD DO HIS BEST. LIBYA "RESPECTED" SECRETARY'S PEACE EFFORTS HE SAID, BUT WONDERED WHERE THEY WERE LEADING. WHY DID SECRETARY SPEAK OF "LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN INTERESTS", INSTEAD OF "RIGHTS"? WE SAID HOWEVER IT WAS PHRASED, THE U.S. HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT A FINAL SETTLEMENT MUST TAKE THE PALESTINIANS INTO ACCOUNT, AND THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ARRIVED AT THROUGH NEGOTIATION. IMPORTANT POINT WAS THAT U.S. BELIEVED PEACE PROCESS MUST CONTINUE, AND WAS READY TO EXPLORE ANY AVENUES WHICH HELD OUT PROMISE OF SUCCESS, IN FRAMEWORK OF UN RESOLUTIONS. WE ASKED WHETHER LIBYA CONTINUED TO REJECT S.C. RESOLUTION 338, AND SHAABAN HAD TO ADMIT THAT THIS WAS CASE.

4. COMMENT: AS USUAL, LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS READY TO LISTEN POLITELY TO OUR POSITION, AND WE HOPE DEMARCHE AND COPY OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH WILL BE BROUGHT TO QADHAFI'S ATTENTION, BUT WE SEE NO REASON AT THE MOMENT TO LOOK FOR A CHANGE IN HIS ATTITUDE.
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